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Cascade Networks believes that IP-enabled services, including VoIP, will transform communications, offering enormous consumer benefits including lower prices and new services.

Cascade Networks is dedicating substantial resources toward making the promise of IP into marketplace reality. We are committed to the concept of seamless mobility, in which consumers have complete end-to-end communications as they move between and among different environments and technologies. To realize that vision, Cascade Networks believes it is imperative that the Commission maintain its light regulatory touch for IP-enabled services.

We urge the Commission to exercise its authority under the Communications Act to preempt state regulation of IP-enabled services immediately. Without such action, a confusing web of state regulations will likely conflict with each other and with federal regulations. This situation would create unneeded regulatory confusion and uncertainty, stifling investment in the VoIP technologies field.

We believe that voluntary industry consensus, rather than regulation, will address those goals efficiently without stifling the progress of this promising technology.